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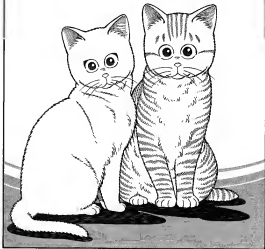
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POPO'S SLEEPING HABITS

ONCE UPON
A TIME, A COUPLE
NAMED MICHAEL
AND POPO LIVED
HAPPILY
TOGETHER.



WHENEVER
MICHAEL
SLEPT ON THE
TELEVISION...



...SWEET
LITTLE POPO
WOULD CURL
UP BESIDE
HIM.



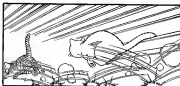
ONLY, POPO
HAD AWFUL
SLEEPING
HABITS,
SO...



...SHE'D
PUSH
AND PUSH
HER DEAR
MICHAEL
UNTIL...

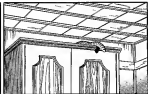


...HE
FELL
OFF.











MORNING KAT

STILL
ONLY
49¢!

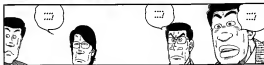












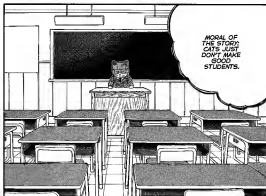










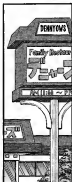




AND THE MOST
DANGEROUS VAMPIRE
OF THEM ALL... FOR HE
FEARS NOT THE
DARLIGHT SUN!



AND NOW, TO FEED HIS
LUST FOR THE FRESH BLOOD
OF NURSE YOUNG WOMEN, HE'S
SOLD THE FAMILY ESTATE IN
TEXAS! HE'S BOUGHT A
BAREMOBILE, AND MOVED
INTO TOWN!!



—AND THERE
WAS BLOOD
SPILLED
ACROSS
THE WINDOW!!



Eek!
THAT'S
SO
HORRIBLE!!



HEY,
HEY,
CHICKIES!

WHAT'S A
BUNCH OF NICE
GIRLS LIKE YOU
DOING IN A
PLACE LIKE
THIS?

HUH
...?



OH, WE'RE
TELLING
HORROR
STORIES!

LIKE
"KIDNAP"
"WHICH
ONE'S
SCARIEST?"

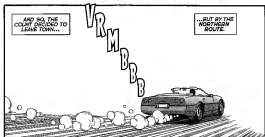


OH,
YEAH
...?

































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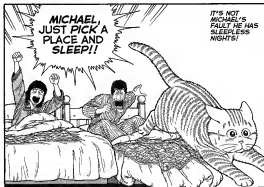












THE BOSS'S LAMENT









A BOSS MUST BE
STRONG, BUT
KIND. A BOSS
MUST EARN THE
ABSOLUTE TRUST
OF HIS CATS.

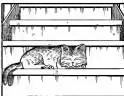


BOSS
CHARLES, A
BOSS AMONG
BOSSSES!

WE'LL BE
CHECKED
OUT THE
TURF.



NOW TO
CATCH A
CATNAP...





CHARUMERA
TAKAMI SHE
BECAUSE
CHARLES?

BOSS
OF A WEST
TOWN, RUNNING
FROM HUSB
ONE TO HUSB
FOUR.

HEIR TO THE THRONE



THE WORLD
OF CATS IS A
CLASS SOCIETY,
AND CHARLES
STANDS AT THE
VERY PEAK.

HELLO,
BOBBY!

GOOD
MORN
CHARLES!

HOWE



TOWARD
THE "HOOO."
ALL A
GOOD...



THINK I'LL
SPEND THE
NIGHT AT
SANDRA'S...





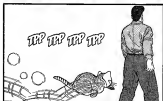








DROWNING IN LOVE













**BABIES, BABIES
EVERYWHERE!!**











TAMANU
LOVED PLAYING
WITH MINI-
MICHAEL....



AH!
AH!
AH!!!



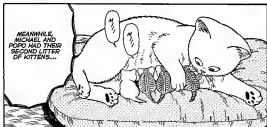
KUO-KUO~



OH,
BAD
GIRL!

MINI-
MICHAEL
OUCHY-
OUCHES!

...ESPECIALLY
SINCE HE WAS
SO FAT AND
SQUISHY.



MEANWHILE,
MICHAEL AND
POPO HAD THEIR
SECOND LITTER
OF KITTENS...

...EENY-MICHAEL...



...MEENY-MICHAEL...



...MINEY-MICHAEL...



...AND THEIR
LONG-AWAITED
BABY GIRL.

RA!



HUNGRY!
I'M
HUNGRY!

I'LL NURSE
YOU IN A
MINUTE!

HOLD
ON!

OWWW!
POOPY!

EENY-
MICHAEL!
GET
OUT OF
THERE!



DAH
DAH!

SKRRIP

TAMAMI!
NO! BAD
GIRL!





GOOH!!

YOU MEN!!
STOP
GOOFING OFF
AND HELP US!!

IT HAS A
HARD TIME
FOR THE
LADIES.



YO.

MIKE.
POPO.



BOSS!

BOSS
CHARLES
...!



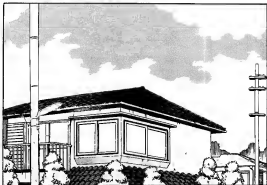
CON-
GRATS,
KIDS.

BRING
'EM UP
STRONG.

THANK
YOU, SIR.
WE WILL,
SIR.

YOU'RE
TOO
KIND,
SIR.





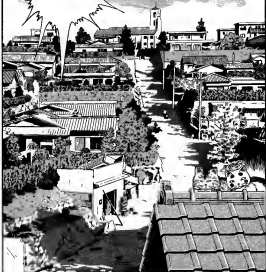


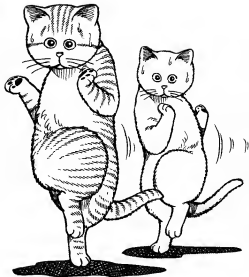




**BUH-
WAAA-
AAH!!!**

**JUST
ANOTHER
WONDERFUL
DAY IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD...**





MICHAEL AND
POPO'S KITTENS
GROW BIGGER
BY THE DAY...

BIGGER AND BIGGER!

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BLAST!
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